

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) An apparatus which has a color image formation function, comprising:

selection means for selecting digital image information stored in an external memory, wherein the external memory stores digital image information based on output from a scanner unit and stores digital information based on output from a computer;

setting means for manually setting a color characteristic for performing image formation of the digital image information selected by said selection means; and control means for reading the digital image information selected by said selection means from the external memory, and causing an image formation means to perform image formation of the digital image information read from the external memory in accordance with the color characteristic manually set by said setting means,

wherein said setting means and said selection means share a same operation unit,

wherein the operation unit includes a display unit, and

wherein it is possible to cause the display unit, which can execute a first display corresponding to said selection means, to execute a second display corresponding to said setting means.

22. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein the first display corresponding to said selection means displays a selection screen to select the digital image information stored in the external memory.

23. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising generation means for reading an original image and generating the digital image information.

24. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising color image formation means for forming a color image on a recording media.

25. (New) A control method for an apparatus which has a color image formation function, said method comprising:

a selection step of selecting digital image information stored in an external memory, wherein the external memory stores digital image information based on output from a scanner unit and stores digital image information based on output from a computer;

a setting step of manually setting a color characteristic for performing image formation of the digital image information selected in said selection step; and

a control step of reading the digital image information selected in said selection step from the external memory, and causing an image formation means to perform image formation of the digital image information read from the external memory in accordance with the color characteristic manually set in said setting step,

wherein said setting step and said selection step share a same operation unit to perform each step,

wherein the operation unit includes a display unit, and

wherein it is possible to cause the display unit, which can execute a first display corresponding to said selection step, to execute a second display corresponding to said setting step.

26. (New) A system which has a color image formation function, comprising:

an external memory for storing digital image information;

selection means for selecting the digital image information stored in said external memory, wherein the external memory stores digital image information based on output from a scanner unit and stores digital image information based on output from a computer;

setting means for manually setting a color characteristic for performing image information of the digital image information selected by said selection means;

color image formation means for forming a color image on a recording media; and

control means for reading the digital image information selected by said selection means from said external memory, and causing said color image formation means to perform image formation of the digital image information read from said external memory in accordance with the color characteristic manually set by said setting means,

wherein said setting means and said selection means share a same operation unit,

wherein the operation unit includes a display unit, and

wherein it is possible to cause the display unit, which can execute a first display corresponding to said selection means, to execute a second display corresponding to said setting means.

27. (New) A system according to Claim 26, wherein the first display corresponding to said selection means displays a selection screen to select the digital image information stored in said external memory.

28. (New) A system according to Claim 26, further comprising generation means for reading an original image and generating the digital image information.

29. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein the operation unit is a touch panel.

30. (New) A control method according to Claim 25, wherein the operation unit is a touch panel.

31. (New) A system according to Claim 26, wherein the operation unit is a touch panel.

32. (New) A method for a system which includes an apparatus capable of processing image information, said method comprising:

a first display step of causing a display unit, which is provided for an apparatus comprising a printer unit, to perform a first display for selecting image information from a storage unit which can store a plurality of image information including at least one of image information based on output from a scanner unit and image information based on output from a computer;

a second display step of causing the same display unit as the display unit for the first display to perform a second display for enabling a setting of a processing condition for processing the image information; and

an output step of causing output of the image information selected through the first display according to the processing condition set through the second display.

33. (New) A method according to Claim 32, wherein said output step comprises causing a printer to print the image information selected through the first display according to the processing condition set through the second display.

34. (New) A method according to Claim 32, wherein said output step comprises transferring the image information selected through the first display to a host computer according to the processing condition set through the second display.

35. (New) A method according to Claim 32, wherein any of plural kinds of image information stored in the storage unit is selected through the first display.

36. (New) A method according to Claim 35, further comprising a step of enabling the printer unit to perform an index print of the plural kinds of image information stored in the storage unit.

37. (New) A method according to Claim 35, further comprising a step of causing to perform an index display of the plural kinds of image information stored in the storage unit.

38. (New) A method according to Claim 35, further comprising a step of causing to store at least either of image information from an input unit and image information from a host computer in the storage unit.

39. (New) A method according to Claim 35, wherein a file name corresponding to the image information can be stored in the storage unit.

40. (New) A method according to Claim 32, further comprising a monitor step of causing to display the image information before a process according to the processing condition set through the second display is performed.

41. (New) A method according to Claim 32, further comprising a monitor step of causing to display the image information after the process according to the processing condition set through the second display was performed.

42. (New) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the processing condition set through the second display includes at least any of an image information registration process, an image information deletion process, an image information layout process, and an image information color balance setting process.

43. (New) A method according to Claim 32, further comprising a monitor step of causing to display the image information according to a display instruction of the image information,

wherein said output step enables the printer unit to output the image information selected through the first display and displayed in said monitor step according to the processing condition set through the second display.